

all can and do make adequate provision for their wives and families—and yet in 1938 not four ladies, but eight ladies and their dependants, as well as four orphans, urgently required the help of the Fund.

In 1860, 134 printed appeals brought thirty responses, as the minutes have shown us. In 500 of the January issues of this Journal, the Editor very kindly arranged for the inclusion of a *printed* Banker's Order Form to be returned to me on completion. I have never seen even one of these printed forms, so the Society was the poorer by one pound, the cost of providing them.

The old minute-book has all too frequently to report that the recommendations for grants exceeded the amounts subscribed by the Branch, and on its very last page there is recorded that Mr. A. B. Clery (secretary of the Society) had written to say that he "was delighted with all the suggestions made, except perhaps that of cutting down of some of the grants." This refers to the Branch's tentative suggestion that our grants should be reduced in proportion to our subscriptions—a suggestion promptly and kindly negatived by headquarters.

As for the grants—they range from £12 a year to £30. A pound a month doesn't go far—not as far as it did in 1860.

It's a sad old book—the story of penury and hardship, of a struggle against apathy and indifference, and yet with gleams of a noble generosity, of self-sacrifice, and of achievement. The book is closed, and a new one has been opened. Will you help to make it a record more worthy of ourselves and of the traditional family pride and brotherly love of the Ulsterman, so that when it is closed, perhaps eighty years hence, its contents may be reviewed with quiet satisfaction in the pages of this Journal?

As I write these lines, on 27th September, war seems almost inevitable. What will be its effect on commodity prices, the bare cost of living? Will you help us to see to it that these widows and orphans of our brothers in medicine are not reduced to still more stringent economies, to still more bitter poverty? And, if there be peace, what better thankoffering could a doctor give?

ROBERT MARSHALL, *Hon. Secretary*,

Belfast and County Antrim Branch,

9 College Gardens,  
Belfast.

Royal Medical Benevolent Fund Society of Ireland.

---

## REVIEW

FEVERS FOR NURSES. By G. E. Breen, M.D., Ch.B.(N.U.I.Dub.), D.P.H., D.O.M.S.(R.C.P.Lond., R.C.S.Eng.). First Edition. 1938. Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone. Pp. 195. Price .

This book is the product of an experienced tutor of nurses in the management of infectious diseases. It embraces a sound working knowledge of the commoner conditions met with in the modern isolation hospital. A prominent exception from the diseases dealt with is acute poliomyelitis.

The information is adequate for nurses, and the treatment is directed entirely to the nursing problems arising in the course of the several conditions. The book is not intended for practitioners.